

Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4137) to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

At 5:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 6432. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the animal drug user fee program, to establish a program of fees relating to generic new animal drugs, to make certain technical corrections to the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007, and for other purposes.

At 6:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1108. An act to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

H.R. 2339. An act to encourage research, development, and demonstration of technologies to facilitate the utilization of water produced in connection with the development of domestic energy resources, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2851. An act to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3815. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to make full and efficient use of open source information to develop and disseminate open source homeland security information products, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3957. An act to increase research, development, education, and technology transfer activities related to water use efficiency and conservation technologies and practices at the Environmental Protection Agency.

H.R. 4806. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to prevent the over-classification of homeland security and other information, and to promote the sharing of unclassified homeland security and other information, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5170. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a privacy official within each component of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5531. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify criteria for certification relating to Advanced Spectroscopic Portal monitors, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5892. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modernize the disability benefits claims processing system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure the accurate and timely delivery of compensation to veterans and their families and survivors, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5983. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the informa-

tion security of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6073. An act to provide that Federal employees receiving their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically.

H.R. 6193. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer policies, procedures, and programs to promote the implementation of the Controlled Unclassified Information Framework applicable to unclassified information that is homeland security information, terrorism information, weapons of mass destruction information and other information within the scope of the information sharing environment established under section 1016 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (6 U.S.C. 485), and for other purposes.

H.R. 6445. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6456. An act to provide for extensions of certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6576. An act to require the Archivist of the United States to promulgate regulations regarding the use of information control designations, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 296. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the designation of August 2008 as "National Heat Stroke Awareness Month" to raise awareness and encourage prevention of heat stroke.

H. Con. Res. 358. Concurrent resolution commending the members of the Nevada Army and Air National Guard and the Nevada Reserve members of the Armed Forces for their dedicated, unselfish, and professional service, commitment, and sacrifices to the State of Nevada and the United States during more than five years of deployments to and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

H. Con. Res. 361. Concurrent resolution commemorating Irena Sendler, a woman whose bravery saved the lives of thousands during the Holocaust and remembering her legacy of courage, selflessness, and hope.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2339. An act to encourage research, development, and demonstration of technologies to facilitate the utilization of water produced in connection with the development of domestic energy resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2851. An act to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3815. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to make full and efficient use of open source information to develop and disseminate open source homeland security information products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3957. An act to increase research, development, education, and technology transfer activities related to water use efficiency and conservation technologies and practices at the Environmental Protection Agency; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4806. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to prevent the over-classification of homeland security and other information and to promote the sharing of unclassified homeland security and other information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5170. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a privacy official within each component of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5531. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify criteria for certification relating to Advanced Spectroscopic Portal monitors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5892. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modernize the disability benefits claims processing system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure the accurate and timely delivery of compensation to veterans and their families and survivors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5983. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the information security of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6073. An act to provide that Federal employees receiving their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6193. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer policies, procedures, and programs to promote the implementation of the Controlled Unclassified Information Framework applicable to unclassified information that is homeland security information, terrorism information, weapons of mass destruction information and other information within the scope of the information sharing environment established under section 1016 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (6 U.S.C. 485), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6445. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 6576. An act to require the Archivist of the United States to promulgate regulations regarding the use of information control designations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 361. Concurrent resolution commemorating Irena Sendler, a woman whose bravery saved the lives of thousands during the Holocaust and remembering her legacy of courage, selflessness, and hope; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3406. A bill to restore the intent and protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7322. A communication from the Assistant Inspector General for Communications and Congressional Liaison, Office of Inspector General, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of Inspector General, Department of Defense received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7323. A communication from the Assistant to the Secretary and White House Liaison, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an action on a nomination in the position of President, Government National Mortgage Association received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7324. A communication from the Assistant to the Secretary and White House Liaison, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an action on a nomination in the position of Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7325. A communication from the Assistant to the Secretary and White House Liaison, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in an acting role in the position of President, Government National Mortgage Association received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7326. A communication from the Assistant to the Secretary and White House Liaison, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an action on a nomination in the position of Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7327. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "The 2007 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR)"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7328. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Periodic Report to Congress on the National Emergency Regarding Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7329. A communication from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Periodic Report on the National Emergency with respect to Côte d'Ivoire"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7330. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska"

(RIN0648-XJ17) received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7331. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pelagic Shelf Rockfish in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XJ16) received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7332. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XJ19) received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7333. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces and Boilers" (RIN1904-AA78) received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7334. A communication from the Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and State Health Care Programs; Fraud and Abuse; Issuance of Advisory Opinions by the Office of Inspector General" (42 CFR part 1008) received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7335. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "A New Transportation Approach for America"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7336. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2007 Superfund Five-Year Review Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7337. A communication from the Deputy Director for Operations, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules for Administrative Review of Agency Decisions" (RIN1212-AB15) received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7338. A communication from the Deputy Director for Operations, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR parts 4022 and 4044) received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7339. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Animal Drugs; Cephalosporin Drugs; Extralabel Animal Drug Use; Order of Prohibition" (Docket No. FDA-2008-N-0326) received on July 30, 2008; to

the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7340. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination in the position of Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7341. A communication from the Director, Office of Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7342. A communication from the Assistant Inspector General, Communications and Congressional Liaison, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7343. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Federal Appointment Authorities, Cutting through the Confusion"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7344. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-441, "Priority Employment for Economically Disadvantaged Youth in the Youth Employment Program Amendment Act of 2008" received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7345. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-442, "Marriage Amendment Act of 2008" received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7346. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-443, "Access to Youth Employment Programs Amendment Act of 2008" received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7347. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-444, "Metropolitan Police Department Retirement Options Amendment Act of 2008" received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7348. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-445, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 127, S.O. 07-1209, Act of 2008" received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7349. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-446, "Closing of Public Alleys in Squares 564, 566, and 568, S.O. 07-122, Act of 2008" received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7350. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-447, "Downtown BID Amendment Act of 2008" received on July 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7351. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia,